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Comment and Reply Deadlines Set for Independent Programming NOI

MB Docket No. 16-41

Comment Deadline: March 30, 2016 Reply Comment Deadline: April 19, 2016

On February 18, 2016, the Commission released a *Notice of Inquiry (NOI)* in MB Docket No. 16-41 that solicits input on the principal challenges independent video programmers face in gaining carriage of their content on both traditional and emerging distribution platforms. The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 50 days, respectively, after publication of the *NOI*. A summary of the *NOI* was published in the Federal Register on February 29, 2016. Thus, comments must be submitted no later than March 30, 2016. Reply comments must be submitted no later than April 19, 2016. Commenters must follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 25 of the *NOI*. The *NOI* is also available on the Commission's website.

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¹ See Promoting the Availability of Diverse and Independent Sources of Video Programming, MB Docket No. 16-41, Notice of Inquiry, FCC 16-19 (Feb. 18, 2016) at 1.

² See https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/02/29/2016-04331/promoting-the-availability-of-diverse-and-independent-sources-of-video-programming.

³ See NOI at para. 25.

⁴ See http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily Releases/Daily Business/2016/db0218/FCC-16-19A1.pdf.